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THE INDEPENDENT

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E. S. MOSER, EDITOR AND PROPRIETOR.

THURSDAY, JUNE 16, 1904.

In giving rein to their prejudices men frequently speed away from the influence of reason.

NATURE has never yet built up a man good and true enough to escape the unreasonable and malignant criticism of his enemies.

THE real respectability of any occupation whatsoever depends upon the usefulness and worth of the work accomplished. There is a tremendous amount of intrinsic value and importance associated with overalls and soiled hands.

THE editor removes his sanctum cap and bows low in grateful recognition of the many kind and fraternal expressions of appreciation and esteem so generously extended by our cotemporaries, anent the completion of volume twenty-nine of THE INDEPENDENT.

MAN is naturally inclined to goodness, as well as wickedness. He is not all sinner. Neither is he all saint. The ultimate equation and comparison of the effects of his actions, good and evil, must determine his worth, or worthlessness. In more ways than one man is a mathematical proposition.

AN appeal has been made to President Roosevelt to call out Federal troops to protect union miners in Colorado. This time it is the "lawless crusade of citizens." Some years ago when President Cleveland ordered the U. S. military to Chicago he was roundly denounced by unionists for interfering with the "lawless crusade" of union workmen.

FRENCHMEN buy American prunes because they are cheap. Prune raising is one of our "infant industries." If the business will keep right on growing for awhile, Frenchmen may secure their supply of this American fruit just for the asking, while the Americans are paying stiff prices for the same kind of prunes and—blessing the everlastingly blessed American tariff for the continued protection of "infant industries!" Hallelujah!

THE present is better than the past. The villain is still here to take part in the drama of life, and he takes it. But he is not so numerous, per thousand population. Along this line of thought read what Senator Hoar says in a recent magazine article: "There was never a time in our history when the ermine of the Judge, State and National, was freer from the suspicion of a stain, or the legislative integrity of the members of either House of Congress was so absolutely without shadow as now." Senator Hoar knows what he is talking about. But there must be no let up in the battle for still better things. The higher the plane of civilization of the units of society the higher the contemporaneous products of society in private and public life.

GOVERNOR PENNYPACKER did very well when he appointed Philander C. Knox, United States Attorney General, to fill the vacancy in the U. S. Senate due to the death of Matthew Stanley Quay. Mr. Knox will fill the post of Senator with distinguished credit to Pennsylvania and to himself. The loud yell that sundry representatives of corporations espoused Mr. Knox for Senator to rid the Cabinet at Washington of his influence as exerted in the enforcement of anti trust legislation can only be justified by the action of President Roosevelt in choosing Mr. Knox's successor. Whatever opinion we may entertain as to the President in some particulars, we are free to say that he is not a coward; and, therefore we do not believe that he will take a single retracing step in the matter of dealing with illegal combinations of capital, or the illegal doings of corporations. * * * A word as to the Governor's right to make the admirable appointment referred to. Mere noise is not argument. Carping criticism and caustic invective from those who seize upon every passing opportunity to wreak vengeance upon a faithful Executive, is entitled to no serious consideration whatever. The Governor's action was based primarily upon the authority of the Federal Constitution, in view of the inexplicitness, as to important particulars, of the State Constitution in relation to the matter pending, and of the expense of convening the Legislature in special session for the purpose of electing a Senator to fill the vacancy. If the Federal Constitution is the supreme fundamental law of the United States, every State Constitution must in its essence, with relation to any matter of national relevancy, be subject to the Federal Constitution. A United States Senator is an employee of the National Government, and being such, both the wisdom and authority of the Federal instrument in providing for the prompt and inexpensive filling of Senatorial vacancies should not be thrust aside. It is not the fault of the Federal Constitution, nor is it the fault of Governor Pennypacker, that the State Constitution is explicitly and inexplicitly at variance with the Federal Constitution. Taking into account all the circumstances involved, as well as the excellent arguments advanced by the Executive in support of his conception of duty, Governor Pennypacker has acted wisely and well.

WASHINGTON LETTER.

From Our Regular Correspondent.

WASHINGTON, D. C., June 9, 1904.

Secretary Cortelyou has extended his tour of inspection from the city of New York to Canada where he has been traveling for a few days. He returns to this city next Monday and it is given out that then the momentous question of the Chairmanship of the Republican National Committee will be settled. There is a rumor that the President is determined to stick to Cortelyou, on the ground that he wants a clean and honorable campaign conducted on a high plane, and can trust him. On the other hand the Senators who are old politicians and think they know it all, say that if only the election of President Roosevelt was concerned, it wouldn't matter who ran the campaign, but that the larger and more important interests of the party must be

looked after. In other words they contend that the prosperity of the country is bound up in the success of the Republican party, and that it would be fatal to allow the Democrats to again come into power.

Everything the Government does appears to work for the good, or protection of some one. Dr. Wiley has, after a couple of years of hard work, established a rigid basis of purity for wines. By this standard as a criterion the Department of Agriculture has kept thousands of gallons of wine from entering this country because they contained too great a percentage of chemicals. These were mostly the white, still wines. As the demand for these is on the increase in this country the American wine growers will profit by the exclusion of the foreign wines.

After all, as the time draws near for actual work in the Panama canal, the difficulties of

climate, disease, etc., begin to melt away, if the expectations of those in authority are not dreams. Col. Gorgos, chief sanitary officer of the Panama Canal, has formulated tentative plans which will make everything safe and lovely. All villages, in the zone will be put under military camp regime, and the inhabitants will be obliged to obey rules rigidly or take a dose of court martial. Lime to sweeten things is to be used in abundance; camps are to be drained; mosquito nets will be provided for the workmen to sleep under; stagnant pools are to be drained; and the whole zone is to be sprinkled with coal oil to utterly destroy malaria and yellow-fever bearing insects. Better than all the rest, a hospital train will make daily trips across the isthmus to pick up those who have fallen in the ranks, and the cases will be segregated as much as possible.

The Democratic National Committee have established headquarters at the Riggs House in this city, and are carefully editing the documents which are to be sent to the people. It has been decided to pursue for the present a conservative course, and treat the subject of tariff reform with great consideration. A radical reform of the tariff, if decided upon, would cut both ways, for all sorts of people, Democrats, Republicans, Socialists, Middle-of-the-Roaders, and others, are engaged more or less in business which is protected by the tariff. It is the people who are not protected who want free trade. Among the literature to be distributed will be Congressman Kitchen's speech on the President, and Burke Cockran's speeches, which he is now revising.

Now that the President has decided that the new building for the Department of Agriculture shall not stand on the Mall in this city, in front of the Washington Monument, but that the plan for beautifying Washington as decided upon by the expert commission must be adhered to, there is nothing to hinder the work of construction, which will soon begin. The building will stand on the South side of the Mall, and will have 40 acres of ground around it. The whole facade will be 650 feet long, about 150 feet, with a dome, to be built of white marble or granite. This will contain the offices and the library on the top floor. The two structures for laboratory purposes will each be 256 feet long. Altogether the building promises to be one of the most imposing in the city.

Every day more or fewer Germans find their way to the White House, and, grasping the President by the hand, tell him how much he resembles their own dear Emperor in the Fatherland, and how glad they are to feel that after all they are at home in Republican America. One of the latest visitors was H. Von Kupfer, editor of the Berlin Local Anzeiger, quite a paper in its way. Both expressed gratification at the cordial relations which exist between the two countries. President Roosevelt speaks German fluently, and sometimes, in the heat of conversation, he drops into that language as naturally as Silas Wegg dropped into poetry.

THE PAPER CAR WHEEL.

Just what a paper car wheel is and how it is made is told in a recent issue of Railway and Locomotive Engineering. The material of a paper wheel is a calendared rye-straw board or thick paper made especially for the purpose at the company's paper mills. This is sent to the works in various sizes suitable for the dimensions of the wheel centre to be made. The first operation is for two men standing beside a pile of the boards to brush over each sheet a coating of flour paste, until a dozen are pasted into a layer. A third man transfers this layer to a hydraulic press, where a pressure of 500 tons or more is applied. After solidifying under this pressure for two hours the twelve-sheet layers are kept in a drying room heated to a temperature of 120 degrees Fahrenheit. Several of these layers are, in turn, pasted together, pressed, and given another driving. This kept up until a circular block is formed containing from 120 to 160 sheets, varying from 4 1/2 to 5 inches in thickness, and as compact as seasoned hickory. The blocks are then turned in a lathe slightly larger than the tire and the hole is bored from the cast-iron centre. In turning, the paper blocks make a shaving that resembles leather. The centre and the tire are forced on under a powerful hydraulic press. The average life of the tire of a paper wheel is about 300,000 miles. That represents about 1 1/2 inch wear. The centres do not seem to be affected by service, and they are always good for renewal of tires unless some accident happens to them.

THE LOST CHORD.

HOW SIR ARTHUR SULLIVAN CAME TO WRITE THE FAMOUS MELODY. From the Baltimore News.

Colonel Robert E. Lee Wentling, a great traveler and musician, tells the following interesting story: "It was while visiting the house of a nobleman in England that I first heard the story of the birth of 'The Lost Chord,' a song that has been sung in every quarter of the globe and which will live forever. If ever there was such a thing as inspiration, that song was inspired. 'There are very few Englishmen who do not remember Fred Sullivan, the great comic star and brother of Sir Arthur Sullivan. He played in

all the original Gilbert and Sullivan operas and has never been equaled. He was later followed by George Grossmith.

"One day Sir Arthur Sullivan was notified that his brother Fred was very ill. He made every effort to reach the house where his brother was lying at the point of death, but arrived too late to see him alive. The two brothers were devoted to each other, and the blow was a bitter one for Sir Arthur. He was closeted with the body of his brother for two hours, at the expiration of which time he came down stairs and went to the piano. Throwing the instrument open, he began to play, and, bar by bar, 'The Lost Chord' was evolved. The composer sadly put his new composition on paper and stored it away.

"The song is the wail of a throbbing heart, the grief of desolation. All through its beautiful harmony can be heard the strain of grief. So profound an impression did the association of the song with the death of his brother make on Sir Arthur that he is said to have, even at this late date, an aversion to hearing it performed.

EFFECTS OF THE USE OF ALCOHOL.

From Harper's Weekly.

The committee of fifty scientists which has for ten years been studying the liquor question has issued its fourth preliminary report in two volumes. The following are the main conclusions drawn: Effects of moderate or occasional use of alcoholic drinks differ with individuals, age, occupation and climate. With the majority of occasional moderate drinkers no special effect upon the health seems to be observed by themselves or their physicians. In some cases drinking is harmful; in a few it is thought to be beneficial. Eighty per cent. of the leading brain-workers of the United States use alcoholic drinks occasionally or regularly or in moderation. The use of such drinks to stimulate mental effort gives, on the whole, bad results. Even occasional or moderate use is likely to be harmful to young persons, mainly because of the danger of its leading to excess. Among diseased or infirm persons over fifty years of age, alcoholic beverages, while sometimes useful, should be taken, if at all with the last meal of the day. "Fine old whiskies" and "fine old brandies" are nearly as likely to produce injurious effects as are the cheaper sorts, if taken in the same quantities. In moderate quantities, beer, wine and diluted whiskey have a certain food purposes—rather for their effect on the brain. In large quantities, and for some persons even in moderate quantities, they are poison. Alcoholic drinks in moderate quantities may be useful as restoratives in fatigue after work is done, but they often produce depression and harmful results when used just before and during labor, physical or mental.

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